



March 2019

Clean Energy & Climate



Local Leaders From Cities and Towns Across Massachusetts Gather for Climate Leadership Summit

On Saturday, [over 50 municipal officials gathered](#) at Framingham State University for the culminating event of our year-long series of [Climate Leadership Summits](#). City and town officials attend these summits to learn more about the Massachusetts renewable energy landscape and hear from experts about local solutions that are already being implemented across the state. We want to thank Massachusetts Senate President Karen Spilka and Massachusetts House Representatives Maria Robinson, Jack Patrick Lewis, and Carmine Gentile for offering great opening remarks. We also want to thank our friends at Environment Mass, Mass Climate Action Network, Green Energy Consumers Alliance, Clean Water Action, and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council for helping make this an even better event! [We are thrilled to be hosting](#) the Climate Leadership Summits, helping further educate and empower local officials to take action in their own communities to protect our air, our water, and our lands.



You Can Learn to Train Climate Activists In Your Community

In addition to helping educate and empower local officials through Climate Leadership Summits, we have also been training activists across Massachusetts to engage with their elected officials to demand it. **To help expand this program even more, we are now [training trainers!](#)** This is an opportunity to help your fellow community members act on critical environmental issues by teaching them about climate advocacy in Massachusetts. [Apply here!](#)



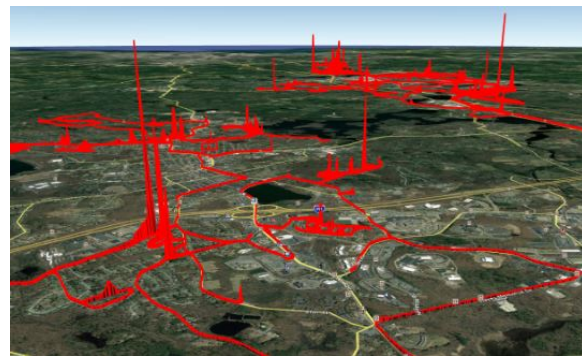
Green New Deal For Massachusetts

The [Green New Deal](#) is rightfully getting a lot of attention. Standing on [three pillars](#) (climate, jobs, and justice), it seeks to tackle the climate crisis, create millions of good, high-wage jobs, secure clean air and water, and counteract systemic injustices. Last week, Chapter Director Deb Pasternak participated in a forum, entitled *"What Would A Massachusetts Green New Deal Look Like?"* organized by Massachusetts Senator Jamie Eldridge. [Click here](#) for



Municipal Officials Can Vote to Boost Building Efficiency

Every 3 years the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), the base energy code for new buildings in Massachusetts, is updated. Municipal officials have the opportunity to vote on proposals to set the standard for the 2021 updates, making [buildings more resilient, safer, and energy efficient](#) for everyone. To vote, municipal entities [must register as a member of the International Code Council](#) by **Friday, March 29th, 2019**. Contact [Veena Dharmaraj](#) for more information.



New Regulations to Fix Gas Leaks

The Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities recently released a new gas leaks regulation aimed to help address the need for urgent reporting, repair, and maintenance of our state's aging [gas infrastructure](#). The regulation includes new methods of identifying Grade 3 Significant Environmental Impact leaks, sets solid timelines for repairs, increases leak tracking, and accelerates reporting requirements to quarterly rather than annually. The watchdog nonprofit [HEET](#) estimates that this first-in-the-nation

info on Senator Ed Markey's Green New Deal Town Hall this weekend in Northampton, MA. [Click here](#) to learn how the Green New Deal is already happening locally across the country.

regulation will cut the equivalent of 5% of Massachusetts' greenhouse gas emissions in as little as 3 years, while saving customers \$30 million per year. This is great news!

Local Environmental Action Saturday April 27th - Worcester, MA



Please join us at MCAN and Toxic Action Center's annual [LEA conference](#)! We are excited to be Lead Sponsors for this event again this year, which means [YOU can click here to claim your discounted ticket!](#) Attend skill building sessions on grassroots fundraising, clean energy solutions, campaign messaging, digital organizing, lobbying local elected officials, and more!

Get Discount Tickets!

Clean Transportation For All



EV-Ready Building Codes

The MA Board of Building Regulations & Standards voted to require new commercial developments to prepare for electric vehicle charging equipment. It is a modest requirement of only a single "EV-Ready space" for developments with over fifteen spaces (and no requirement for developments with less than fifteen) - merely a small step forward. We need much more bold action investing in electric vehicle charging infrastructure in order to promote widespread EV adoption and address climate change. [See Sierra Club's full statement here.](#)



Drive Electric Earth Day Events

Here is your chance to see electric vehicles in person, talk to owners, get your questions answered, and maybe even take one for a spin! Celebrate the environmental and cost-saving benefits of electric vehicles through April and May during the first ever [Drive Electric Earth Day](#) series.

Click each community to register for events in:

[Amherst](#) - [Braintree](#) - [Concord](#), [Lowell](#) - [Melrose](#) - [Middleborough](#) - [Quincy](#) - [Shrewsbury](#) - [Winchester](#)

Some Good Springtime Reading



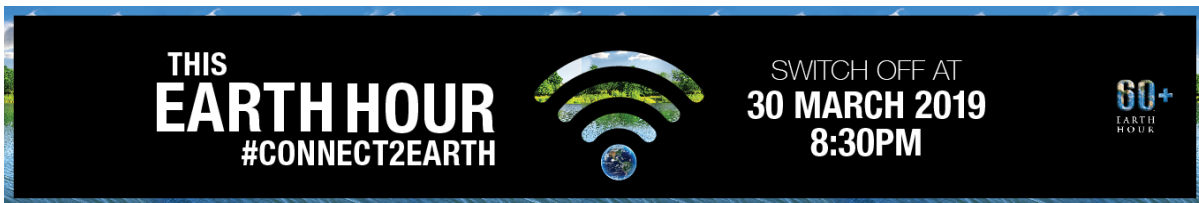
[Planting for Pollinators](#): How to use your garden to support pollinators!

[Swarming Season](#): Why do bees swarm? What do I do if I see a swarm?

[Ecological Restoration](#): Smelt Brook Daylighting Project

[The Rivers in Our Skies](#): Everything you need to know about atmospheric rivers

[Does a Bear Think in the Woods?](#) Turns out animal intelligence is not so different from our own



Upcoming Events!

[Check our website calendar for a full list of upcoming events](#)

Senator Ed Markey's Green New Deal Town Hall - [Click for more info and to RSVP](#)

Sunday, March 24th, 6pm - Northampton, MA

Support Waltham's Clean Electricity Aggregation - [Click for more info and to RSVP](#)

Monday, March 25th, 7:30pm - Waltham, MA

Chapter Executive Committee Meeting - [Click for more info and to RSVP](#)

Wednesday, March 27th, 7pm - Boston, MA

Lobby for the Rivers Day - [Click for more info and to RSVP](#)

Thursday, March 28th, 1pm - Boston, MA

Merrimack Valley Team Monthly Meeting - [Click for more info and to RSVP](#)

Thursday, March 28th, 6:30pm - Lowell, MA

Let's Talk Climate Over a Cape Cod Beer - [Click for more info and to RSVP](#)

Thursday, March 28th, 6:30pm - Hyannis, MA

Sierra Club Climate Training for Trainers - [Click for more info and to Apply](#)

Saturday, March 30th, 10am - Boston, MA

Worcester Gas Leaks and Climate Forum - [Click for more info and to RSVP](#)

Saturday, March 30th, 3pm - Worcester, MA

Sierra Club Outing: The Emerson-Thoreau Amble Trail - [Click for more info and to RSVP](#)

Saturday, April 13th, 11am - Concord, MA

Additionally, [use this link](#) to join our Outings Google Group to be sure you will be alerted to future Outings!



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